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TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- X Form PTO-1449 list of references submitted for consideration.
- X Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.
- All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

The following are included within the Information Disclosure Statement if applicable and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

- ___ Statement that certain listed references not enclosed are substantially cumulative of an enclosed reference.
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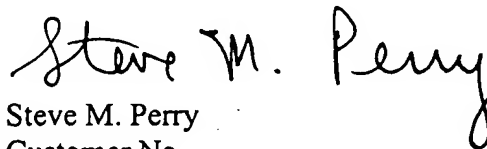
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- ___ Promptness Certification.
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Dated this 30th day of August, 2000.

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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). Applicant respectfully submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to:

X 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the application,
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_____ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)(1)(e), after three months of the filing date of the application but before a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either a promptness certification or the fee set forth in § 1.17(p)

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While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed, are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each listed reference (or relevant portion thereof) which was not previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office is also enclosed.

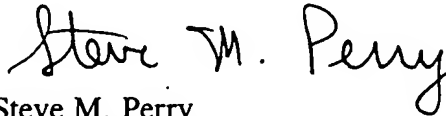
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For all listed references that are not either in the English language, or accompanied by a translation into English, a concise explanation of relevance as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) is enclosed attached to each.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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